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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE  
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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the  
Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of  
the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the  
Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate  
that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-  
referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-  
English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-9245
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2582794

An English-language abstract of the documents setting forth the relevance is  
enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

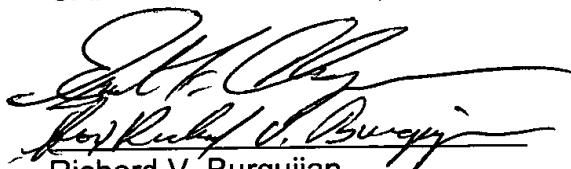
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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